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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/8/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgement is made of Amendment filed August 8, 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 and 3-5 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Drupsteen et al (US 5,856,659) teaches a method of securely transferring data to a smart card, the method involves a one-way authentication mechanism, comprising the use of a series of interrelated authentication values (R0, R1, R2, ...), a security is achieved by using commands (INIT, TRAN) which are each provided with an authentication code (MAC0, MAC1, ...).

However, Drupsteen et al and/or the best prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a method for loading computer programs into a memory of a portable memory object having a contactless operating mode, particularly a chip card, from one or more transmitting devices EM₁, ... EM_j, ... EM_p, p being a whole number, the method including:

the computer program is divided into n blocks BLK₁, ... BLK_i, ..., BLK_n, n being a whole number greater than 1;

a piece of information I(n) indicating the number n of blocks to be loaded is transmitted to the portable memory object;

the blocks BLK₁, ... BLK_i, ..., BLK_n are loaded without contact into a memory of the portable memory object from a transmitting device EM_j wherein j is in the range from 1 through p;

each block BLK_i is counted in the portable memory object;

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the loading of the blocks $BLK_1, \dots, BLK_i, \dots, BLK_n$ is interrupted during the loading of a block BLK_i due to an interruption in communication between EM_j and the card;

in response to establishing of communication between one of the transmitting devices EM_k and the card, wherein k is in the range 1 through p :

interrogating the card as to which block to resume loading, and

resuming the loading of the blocks from block i from transmitting device EM_k ;

and

each block BLK_i loaded is counted in the portable memory object.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

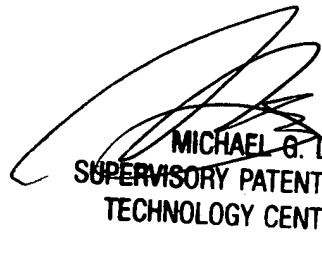
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